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SUBJECT: DRC ELECTIONS: 18 PERCENT OF POLLING STATIONS
COUNTED, BUT NO OFFICIAL RESULTS YET

REF: KINSHASA 1694

1. (U) DRC Independent Electoral Commission (CEI) President Apollinaire Malu Malu said in a November 2 press conference that results from more than 9,000 of the DRC's 50,045 polling stations have been compiled. Although this represents 18 percent of all stations, the CEI has not yet released any vote counts. Malu Malu said the CEI still plans to announce provisional nationwide presidential results no later than November 19.

2. (U) The re-vote in the distant Ituri District town of Fataki (reftel) passed without incident November 2. CEI officials said approximately 22,000 voters would have been eligible to take part in the re-vote. Officials estimated turnout was lower than the original October 29 vote.

3. (U) CEI officials in Kinshasa said November 2 ballot collection from the capital's 8,500 polling stations has been completed. Voting documents are now being transported to compilation centers where results will be verified before being announced.

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